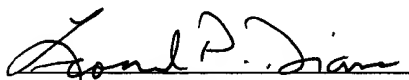## REMARKS

Claims 20, 26, 36, 39, 41, 44 and 49-51 are presented for examination, of which Claims 20, 26 and 49 are in independent form. Claim 20 has been amended to delete duplicative language and for clarification. Specifically, the phrase "and notify the source node and the one or more destination nodes" in the controller element of Claim 20 has been deleted because it is duplicative of the same phrase in the following "wherein" clause. In addition, the phrase "for identifying the logical connection sent by" has been deleted, and the phrase "obtained from" has been added, in the source node element of Claim 20 because that element may be read as inconsistent with the preceding "wherein" clause, which specifies that the first information, only, represents the logical connection. Claims 26, 39, 44, 49 and 51 have been amended as to matters of form only. No change in scope is either intended or believed to be effected by these changes. The specification and Abstract have also been amended to conform to the amended claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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